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SUBJECT: REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN NAMIBIA

1. SENATOR DICK CLARK HAS BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION A CONSTITUENT'S LETTER WHICH ENCLOSED A SEPTEMBER 11 LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER FROM PASTOR ABISAI SHEJAVALI, A PHD STUDENT AT THE WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, DUBUQUE, IOWA. SHEJAVALI STATES IN HIS LETTER THAT ON AUGUST 28, 1975 WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS RAPED AND BEAT HIS 60 YEAR OLD FOSTER MOTHER, MRS. RAKEL NAILENGE AND BEAT HIS 88 YEAR OLD FOSTER FATHER, PAULUS NAILENGE, A RETIRED LUTHERAN PASTOR AT THEIR HOME IN ONGENGA, OVAMBOLAND.

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AFTER THE ASSAULT PASTOR AND MRS. NAILENGE WERE TAKEN TO

ONANDJOKWE HOSPITAL. SHEJAVALI URGES VORSTER TO TAKE ACTION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR HIS FOSTER PARENTS AND TO INSURE THAT THE INCIDENT IS FULLY INVESTIGATED AND DEALT WITH.

2. SENATOR CLARK SUGGESTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAG INFORMING THEM THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THIS INCIDENT AND ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR RAISE THIS MATTER WITH DFA POINTING OUT CONGRESSIONAL AND

PUBLIC CONCERN AND REQUESTING VERIFICATION OF INCIDENT. IF INCIDENT IS CONFIRMED BY SAG, AMBASSADOR SHOULD EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN OF USG AND URGE THAT GUILTY PARTIES BE LOCATED AND PROPERLY PUNISHED.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD TAKE OCCASION OF APPROACH TO REMIND DFA AGAIN OF ITS PROMISE TO PROVIDE PARTICULARS ON NAMIBIAN DETAINEES (PRETORIA 3339). DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE DETENTION OF LUTHERAN PASTORS AND LAYMEN IN NAMIBIA. KISSINGER

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